

From: [Pat Deibert](#)
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Cc: [Mark Sattelberg](#)
Subject: Re: recent core area discussion
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Hello Dustin -

I would be happy to talk with you regarding the Douglas core area. I would like to ask Mark Sattelberg (Field Supervisor of WY FWS) to join as he has more thoroughly reviewed the proposal than I. My understanding is that the decision is not final - at least not with the implementation team.

Unfortunately both Mark and I are in Denver through Friday in meetings with BLM and FS on their land plan revisions. Perhaps we could talk over the phone?

Pat

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 24, 2013, at 9:21 PM, Dustin Bleizeffer <dustin@wyofile.com> wrote:

Hi Pat,

I'm intensely interested in efforts to prevent a full, implemented listing of the Greater sage grouse and how Wyoming's core areas strategy plays a role.

I've been reporting on energy-related issues in Wyoming for the past 15 years, and currently serve as editor-in-chief of WyoFile.com, a nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization. Our mission is to go beyond daily headlines and write the full, comprehensive story on issues that really matter to the quality of life in Wyoming.

I started asking questions about the Douglas Core Area back in June after a driving tour of the area. I saw the biggest drilling pads I've ever seen in my life (and I've seen a lot of drilling operations), and I wondered how this was happening in a sage grouse core area. Well, you've probably seen some of the recent reporting on the Chesapeake deal with the Wyoming governor's office, and I have received their document agreement with Chesapeake. But I still have a lot of questions about what this really means to sage grouse in that region of Wyoming and especially to Wyoming's sage grouse core areas strategy that is such an integral cog in really historic efforts to avoid a full-on listing.

I understand that you play an important role in folding the sage grouse core areas strategy into the federal government's oversight and considerations in this question. I'm very eager to visit with you about the Douglas Core Area deal recently struck between Chesapeake and the Wyoming governor's office, and what that might mean to the broader effort to conserve sage grouse habitat and avoid a listing.

I'm in my office all day Wednesday, then covering some legislative hearings in Cheyenne on Thursday and Friday. If you have an opportunity to visit with me in the next few days I would be very grateful.

Thank you

◆ Dustin

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